

System Capabilities

The following feature list of the system is categorized into broad areas of capability.

- Routing Capabilities (messaging in context, aggregated)
- 5 ▪ Authorization Capabilities (logon authentication)
- Editing Capabilities (resume, undo, follow me)
- Support Capabilities (asking for support in context)
- Scheduling Capabilities (date changing and visibility)
- Translating Capabilities (international)
- 10 ▪ Contractual Capabilities (audit, document authority, archive)
- Customization Capabilities (aggregation, customization, standards)
- Database Capabilities (transactional, data point addressing, dml editing and tracking)
- Data Integration Capabilities (batch, trigger, adaptors)
- 15 ▪ Process Integration Capabilities (interface , implementation)

Application Meta-Model

- Figure 6a illustrates a method 600 for workflow management of a supply chain, in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention. During use, businesses are permitted to engage in activities utilizing a network, as indicated in operation 602. Such activities each include a plurality of steps. Because projects and processes follow substantially the same rules, the only differences being that processes are limited to steps executed by individuals within a single organization, this description uses the term “activity” to represent both projects and processes. In one embodiment of the present invention, the businesses may be apparel-related businesses.
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- As the activities are being carried out, at least one document is updated for each activity upon completion of each of the steps. Note operation 604. Further, the document may provide an audit trail of the associated activity. As an option, the document may be published after the services are executed in order to allow the users to initiate the performance of the tasks.
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